

**ENCE 353 Final Exam, Open Notes and Open Book**Name : AUSTIN.

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Answer Question 1. Then answer **three of the five** remaining questions. Partial credit will be given for partially correct answers, so please show all your working.

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2	10	
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5	10	
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Question 1: 20 points

**COMPULSORY:** Analysis of a Cantilever with Moment Area and Method of Virtual Forces. Consider the cantilever shown in Figure 1.

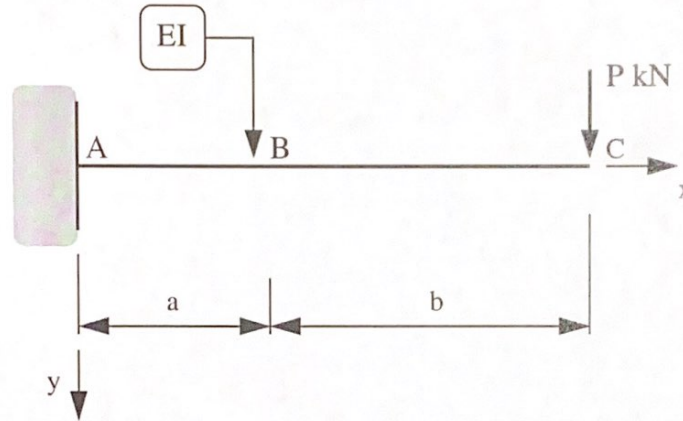
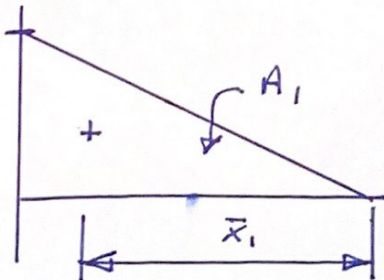


Figure 1: Front elevation view of a cantilever.

The cantilever has constant section properties,  $EI$ , along its entire length  $(a+b)$ . A vertical load  $P$  (kN) is applied at point C.

[1a] (3 pts) Use the method of **MOMENT AREA** to show that the vertical deflection of the cantilever at point C is:

$$\frac{M/EI}{EI}$$



$$y_C = \frac{P(a+b)^3}{3EI} \quad (1)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P(a+b)}{EI} (a+b)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{P(a+b)^2}{EI}$$

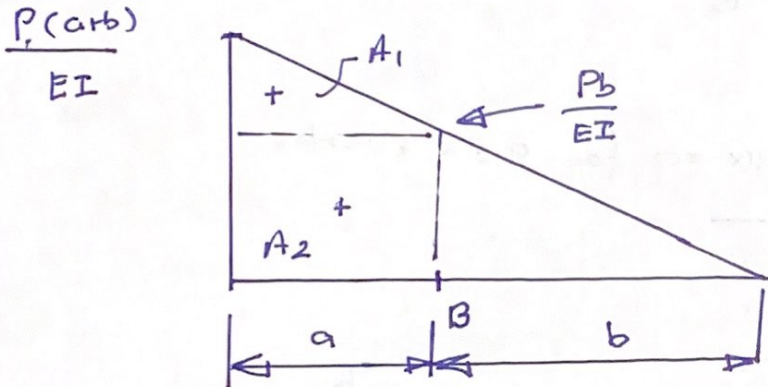
$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{2}{3} (a+b)$$

$$y_C = A_1 \bar{x}_1 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{P(a+b)^3}{EI}$$



[Ib] (3 pts) Use the method of **MOMENT AREA** to show that the vertical deflection of the cantilever at point B is:

$$y_B = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} [3b + 2a]. \quad (2)$$



$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{P(a+b)}{EI} - \frac{Pb}{EI} \right) a = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Pa^2}{EI}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{Pb}{EI} \cdot a$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{2}{3}a, \quad \bar{x}_2 = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y_B &= A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2 \\ &= \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} (3b + 2a) \end{aligned}$$

[1c] (3 pts) Use the method of **VIRTUAL FORCES** to show that the vertical deflection of the cantilever at point B is:

$$y_B = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} [3b + 2a]. \quad (3)$$

**Hint:** You can simplify the integration by adopting a transformation  $z = a - x$ .

Apply unit load at B.

$M(x) = 0$  for  $a \leq x \leq a+b$ .

$\frac{M(x)}{EI} = \frac{a-x}{EI}$ .

$$y_B = \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^a \underbrace{P(a+b-x)}_{M(x)} \underbrace{(a-x)}_{m(x)} dx + \int_a^{a+b} 0 \cdot dx$$

$$= \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} (3b + 2a).$$



Now suppose that a roller support is inserted below point B as follows:

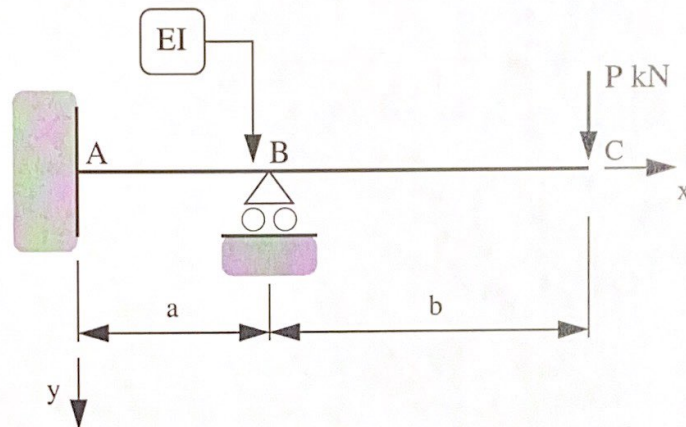


Figure 2: Front elevation view of a cantilever supported by a roller at point B.

[1d] (3 pts) Show that the vertical support reaction at B is:

$$V_b = \frac{P}{2} \left[ \frac{3b+2a}{a} \right] \quad (4)$$

$\Delta_B = \text{deflection at B due to } V_B$   
 $= \frac{1}{3} \frac{V_B a^3}{EI}$

Net vertical deflection at B = 0

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \frac{V_B a^3}{EI} = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} (3b+2a)$$

$$\Rightarrow V_B = \frac{P}{2} \left[ \frac{3b+2a}{a} \right]$$

[1e] (3 pts) Hence, derive a simple expression for the bending moment at A.

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M_A = P(a+b) - V_B \cdot a$$

$$= -\frac{Pb}{2}$$

Finally, let's replace the roller support below point B with a spring.

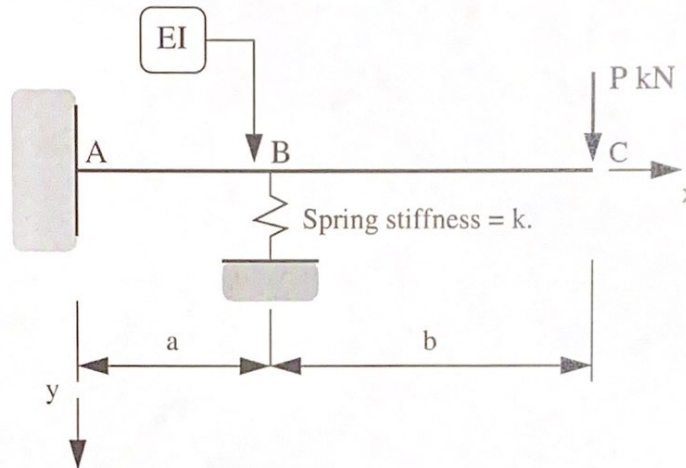


Figure 3: Cantilever supported by a spring at point B.

[1f] (3 pts) Show that the support reaction,  $V_b$ , is now given by the equation:

$$V_b \left[ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{a^3}{3EI} \right] = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} [3b + 2a]. \quad (5)$$

Deflection at B due to P at C  $\Rightarrow \Delta_{B1} = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} (3b + 2a)$  — (A)

Deflection at B due to  $V_B \Rightarrow \Delta_V = \frac{V_B a^3}{3EI}$  — (B)

Spring behaviour:  $k(\Delta_B - \Delta_V) = V_B$  — (C)

Plug (A) & (B) into (C):  $\frac{Pa^2}{6EI} (3b + 2a) - \frac{V_B a^3}{3EI} = \frac{V_B}{k}$

$$\Rightarrow V_B \left[ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{a^3}{3EI} \right] = \frac{Pa^2}{6EI} (3b + 2a). \quad (D)$$

[1g] (2 pts) Explain why  $V_b$  for spring support (i.e., equation 5) is always lower than for roller support (i.e., equation 4).

The roller support is equivalent to a spring support, where the spring has infinite stiffness. Equation (D)  $\rightarrow$  (4) from below as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .



Question 2: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Moment-Area Method. Consider the cantilevered beam structure shown in Figure 4.

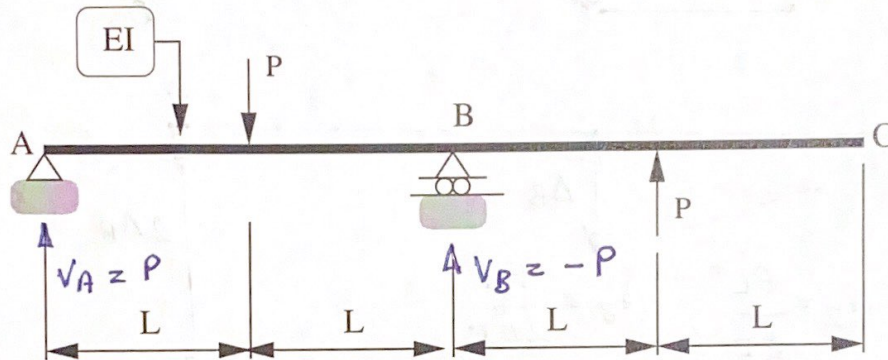


Figure 4: Front elevation view of a cantilevered beam structure.

[2a] (4 pts) Use the method of **MOMENT AREA** to compute the rotation at point A.

Moment Area.

$$A_1 = \frac{PL^2}{2EI}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{PL^2}{EI}$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{4}{3}L,$$

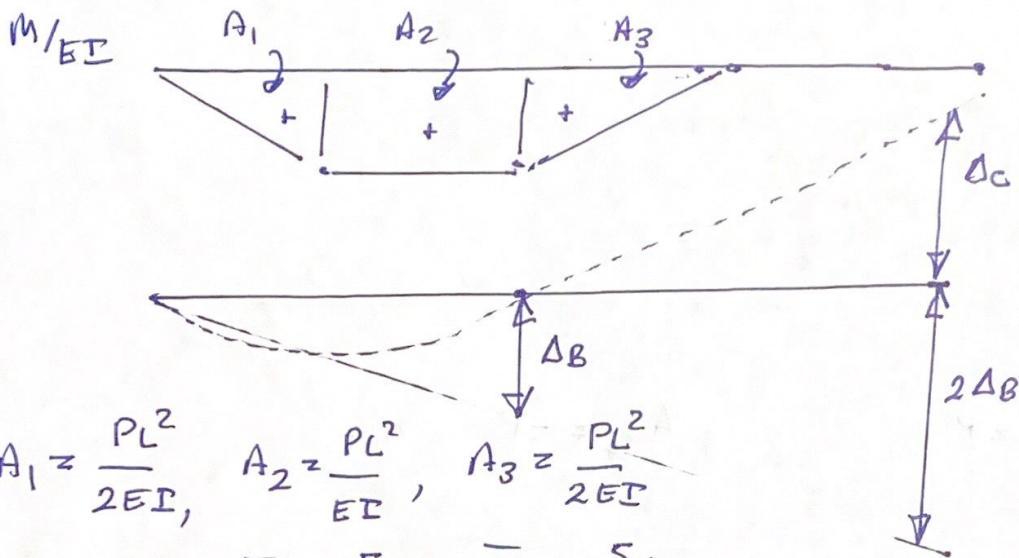
$$\bar{x}_2 = \frac{L}{2}.$$

$$\Delta_B = A_1 \bar{x}_1 + A_2 \bar{x}_2 = \frac{PL^2}{2EI} \cdot \frac{4}{3}L + \frac{PL^2}{EI} \cdot \frac{L}{2} = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \cdot \frac{14}{12}$$

From geometry:

$$\theta_A = \frac{\Delta_B}{2L} = \frac{7}{12} \frac{PL^2}{EI} \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

[2b] (4 pts) Use the method of MOMENT AREA to compute the vertical deflection of the beam at point C.



$$A_1 = \frac{PL^2}{2EI}, \quad A_2 = \frac{PL^2}{EI}, \quad A_3 = \frac{PL^2}{2EI}$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = \frac{10}{3}L, \quad \bar{x}_2 = \frac{5}{2}L, \quad \bar{x}_3 = \frac{5}{3}L.$$

Apply moment Area about point C:

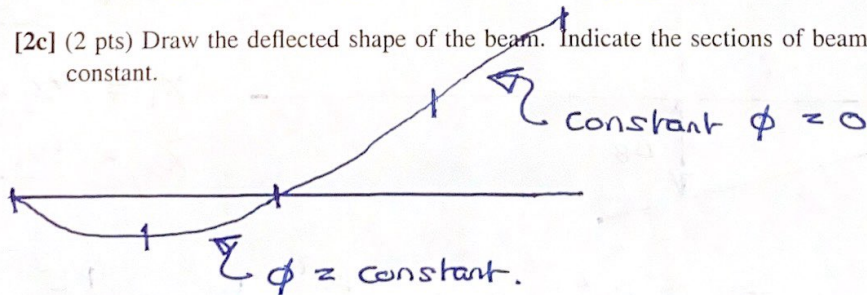
$$2\Delta_B + \Delta_C = A_1\bar{x}_1 + A_2\bar{x}_2 + A_3\bar{x}_3 = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left[ \frac{10}{6} + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{6} \right]$$

$$= 5 \frac{PL^3}{EI} \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

Plug (A)  $\rightarrow$  (B):

$$\Delta_C = \frac{PL^3}{EI} \left[ 5 - \frac{14}{3} \right] = \frac{8}{3} \frac{PL^3}{EI}.$$

[2c] (2 pts) Draw the deflected shape of the beam. Indicate the sections of beam where the curvature is constant.





Question 3: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Structural Analysis of a Simple Beam Structure. The beam structure shown in Figure 5 supports a uniformly distributed load  $w$  (N/m) between points B and C.

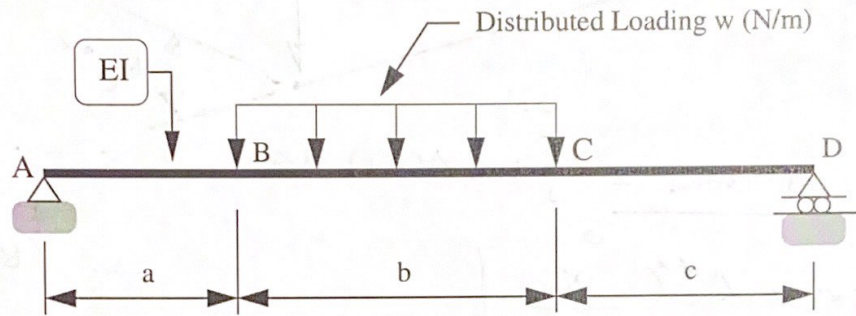
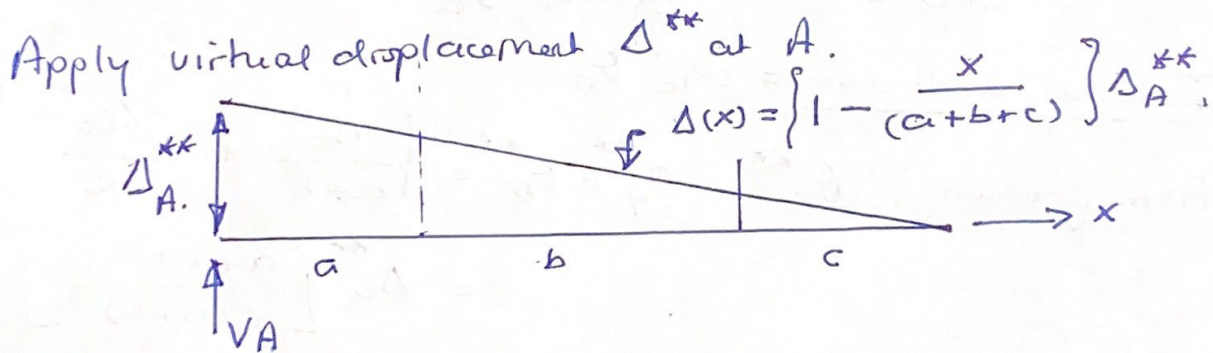


Figure 5: Front elevation view of a simple beam structure.

[3a] (4 pts) Use the method of VIRTUAL DISPLACEMENTS to compute formulae for the vertical reactions at A and D. Show all of your working.



Energy Balance:  $\sum EWD = 0$

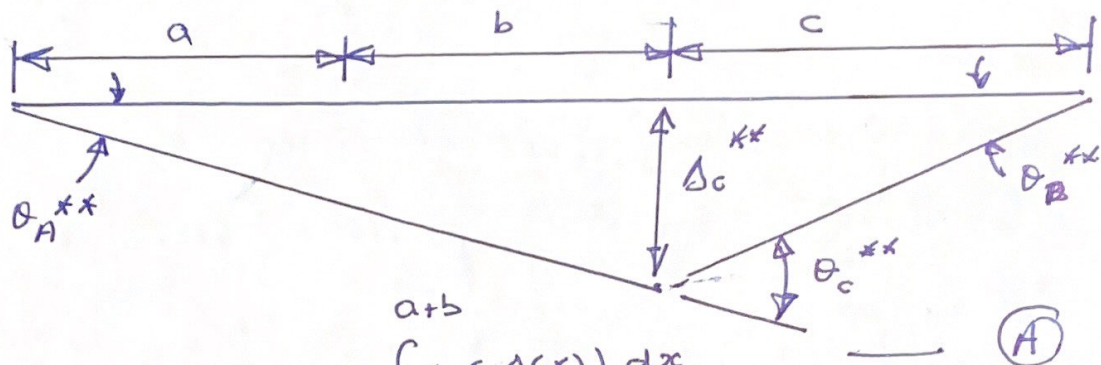
$$\Rightarrow V_A \Delta_A^{**} - \int_a^{a+b} w \Delta(x) dx = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow V_A = \frac{wb(b+2c)}{2(a+b+c)}.$$

Similarly for  $V_D \Rightarrow V_D = \frac{wb(2a+b)}{2(a+b+c)}.$

Note:  $V_A + V_D = wb.$  ✓

[3b] (6 pts) Use the method of VIRTUAL DISPLACEMENTS to compute a formula for the bending moment at C. Show all of your working.



$$\text{External work done} = \int w(x) \Delta(x) dx \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

$$\text{but } \Delta(x) = \Delta_c^{**} \left[ \frac{x}{a+b} \right] \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

Plug (B)  $\rightarrow$  (A) and integrate.

$$EWD = w \Delta_c^{**} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2(a+b)} \right]_0^{a+b} = \frac{w \Delta_c^{**}}{2(a+b)} [2ab + b^2]$$

$$\text{Internal Work done} = M_c' \theta_c^{**}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From geometry. } \theta_c^{**} &= \theta_A^{**} + \theta_D^{**} = \left[ \frac{\Delta_c^{**}}{a+b} + \frac{\Delta_c^{**}}{c} \right] \\ &= \Delta_c^{**} \left[ \frac{a+b+c}{c(a+b)} \right] \quad \text{--- (c)} \end{aligned}$$

Equating EWD = IWD.

$$\Rightarrow M_c \theta_c^{**} = \frac{w \Delta_c^{**}}{2(a+b)} (2ab + b^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_c = \frac{2 \Delta_c^{**}}{2(a+b)} (2ab + b^2) \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta_c^{**}} \left[ \frac{c(a+b)}{a+b+c} \right]$$

$$= \frac{wbc(2a+b)}{2(a+b+c)} \quad 10$$

Note:  $M_c = V_D \cdot c \checkmark$



Question 5: 10 points

OPTIONAL: Principle of Virtual Work. Consider the supported cantilevered beam structure shown in Figure 7.

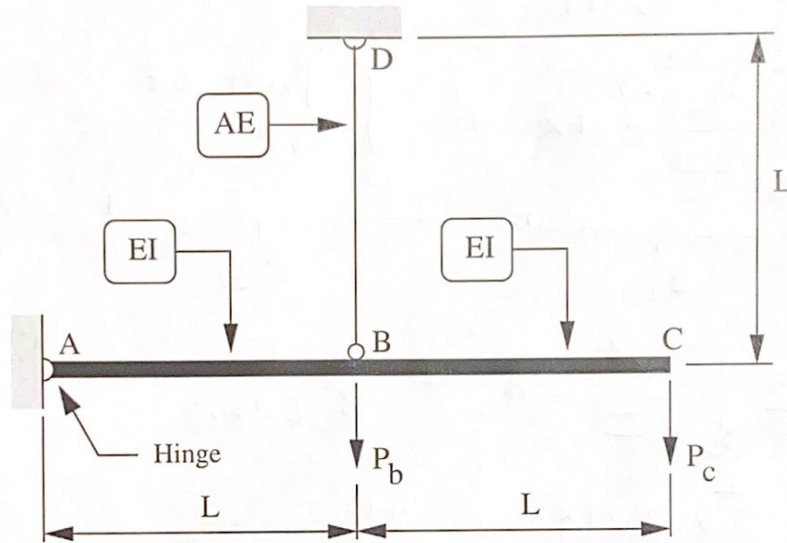
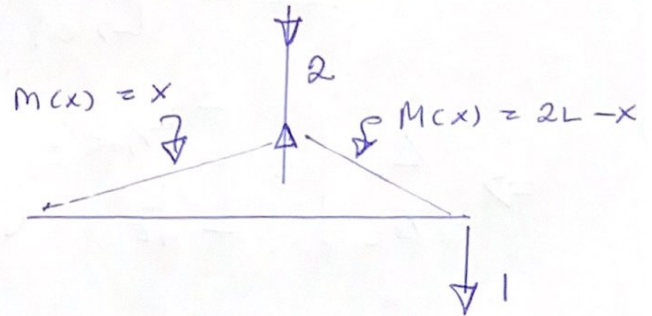
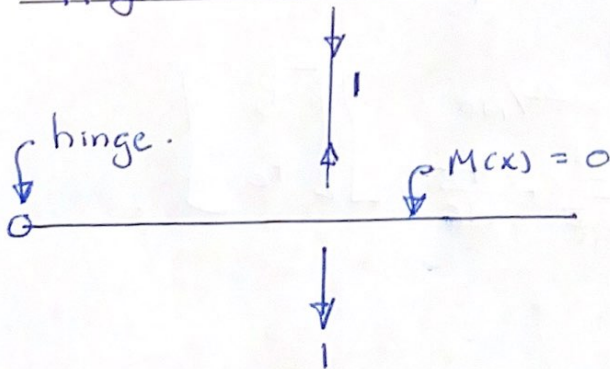


Figure 7: Front elevation view of a supported cantilevered beam structure.

Use the principle of **VIRTUAL FORCES** to compute the two-by-two flexibility matrix connecting displacements at points B and C to applied loads  $P_b$  and  $P_c$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_b \\ \Delta_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_b \\ P_c \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

- ① Apply unit force at B.      ② Apply unit force at C.



Question 5 continued ...

$$f_{11} = \underbrace{\int_0^{2L} \frac{M_1(x)^2}{EI} dx + \int_0^L \frac{f_1(x)^2}{AE} dx}_{\hookrightarrow 0!} = \left[ \frac{L}{AE} \right]$$

$$f_{22} = \underbrace{\int_0^{2L} \frac{M_2(x)^2}{EI} dx}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_0^L \frac{f_2(x)^2}{AE} dx}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = 2 \int_0^L \frac{x^2}{EI} dx = \frac{2}{3} \frac{L^3}{EI}$$

$$I_2 = \int_0^L \frac{2 \cdot 2}{AE} dx = \frac{4L}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{22} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{L^3}{EI} + \frac{4L}{AE}$$

$$f_{12} = \underbrace{\int_0^{2L} \frac{M_1(x) \cdot M_2(x)}{EI} dx + \int_0^L \frac{f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x)}{AE} dx}_{\hookrightarrow 0!} = \frac{2L}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_b \\ \Delta_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L}{AE} & \frac{2L}{AE} \\ \frac{2L}{AE} & \left( \frac{2}{3} \frac{L^3}{EI} + \frac{4L}{AE} \right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_b \\ P_c \end{bmatrix}$$



Question 6: 10 points

**OPTIONAL: Compute Support Reactions in a Suspension Bridge.** Figure 8 is a front elevation view of a suspension bridge that has three spans, two support towers, and anchor supports at the bridge endpoints.

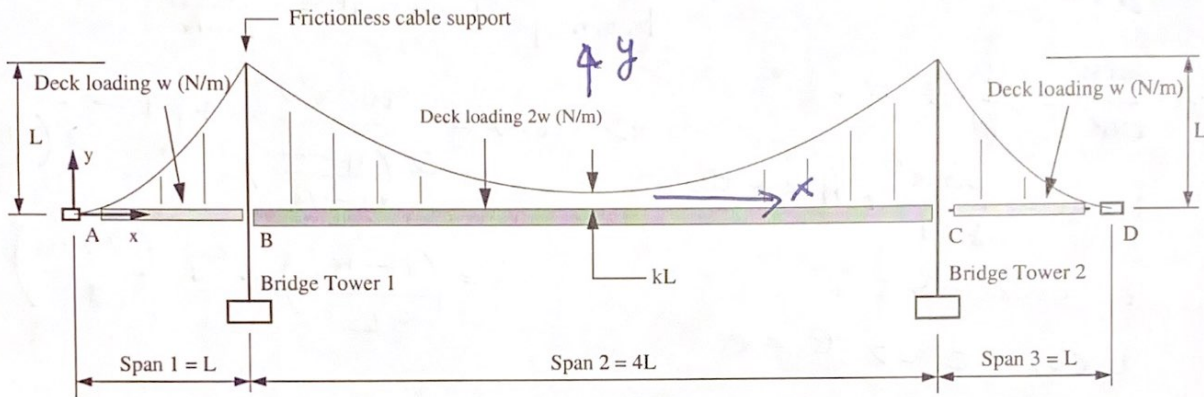


Figure 8: Elevation view of a three-span suspension bridge.

Spans 1, 2 and 3 have lengths  $L$ ,  $4L$  and  $L$ , respectively. Spans 1 and 3 carry a uniform load  $w$  (N/m). Span 2 carries a uniform load  $2w$  (N/m). The towers have height  $L$  above the bridge deck level. At the mid-point of Span 2, the lowest point of the cable profile is  $kL$  above the bridge deck.

The purpose of this question is to work step by step toward the computation of vertical support reactions at the cable anchor points (i.e., at points A and D), and at the towers (i.e., at points B and C). For the purposes of this analysis, assume that the bridge cable weight is bundled into the applied loads  $w$ , and can otherwise be ignored. Also, assume that the cable passes through the top of the towers on a frictionless support and, as a result, the horizontal component of cable force will be constant along the entire bridge.

[6a] (2 pts) By examining equilibrium of the cable profile in Span 2, show that the horizontal component of cable force is:

$$H = \left[ \frac{4}{1-k} \right] wL. \quad (8)$$

Set origin at middle of span 2.

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{2w}{H} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2wx}{H} + A; \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0.$$

$$y(x) = \frac{wx^2}{2H} + B; \quad y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0.$$

$$y(2L) = L(1-k) \Rightarrow H = \left[ \frac{4wL}{1-k} \right].$$

[6b] (3 pts) Show that the equation of the cable profile in Span 1 is:

$$y(x) = \left[ \frac{1-k}{8L} \right] x^2 + \left[ \frac{7+k}{8} \right] x \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{w(x)}{H} = \frac{w}{H}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1 - \frac{WL}{2H}$$

$$\text{From part (a)} \quad H = \frac{4wL}{1-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{wx}{H} + A$$

$$y(x) = \frac{wx^2}{2H} + Ax + B$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{w(x^2)}{2 \left( \frac{4wL}{1-k} \right)} + \left( 1 - \frac{WL}{2 \left( \frac{4wL}{1-k} \right)} \right) x$$

$$= \left( \frac{1-k}{8L} \right) x^2 + \left( \frac{7+k}{8} \right) x$$

Boundary conditions:

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$y(L) = L \Rightarrow$$

$$L = \frac{WL^2}{2H} + AL$$

[6c] (3 pts) Use the results from parts [6a] and [6b] to show that the vertical reaction at the anchor support (i.e., at point A) is:

$$V_A = \left[ \frac{7+k}{2-2k} \right] wL \quad (10)$$

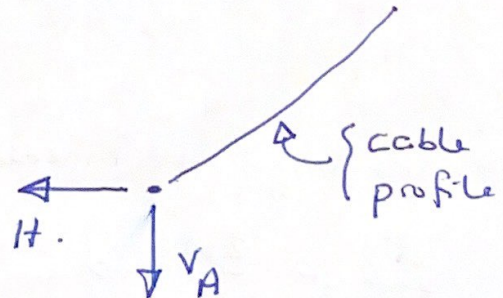
acting downwards.

Cable geometry:

$$\tan(\theta) \approx \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{V}{H}$$

At  $x=0$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = \left( 1 - \frac{WL}{2H} \right) = \frac{V_A}{H}$$



$$\Rightarrow V_A = \frac{7+k}{2(1-k)} wL$$



[6d] (2 pts) Hence, show that the vertical support reaction at Tower 1 is:

$$V_B = \left[ \frac{17-9k}{2-2k} \right] wL. \quad (11)$$

acting upwards.

Total downward deck loading =  $10wL$ .

Using symmetry,  $V_A$  &  $V_B$  carry  $5wL$   
&  $V_C + V_D$  carry  $5wL$ .

Left-hand side:

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow V_A + V_B = 5wL,$$

↑ notice that  $V_A$  acts downwards

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V_B = V_A + 5wL &= \left( \frac{7+k}{2-2k} \right) wL + \left( \frac{10-10k}{2-2k} \right) wL \\ &= \left[ \frac{17-9k}{2-2k} \right] wL. \end{aligned}$$